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SUBJECT: IMCO PLENIPOTENTIARY CONFERENCE: GDR VIEWS

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1. EMBOFF CALLED ON MEMBER OF THE DEPARTMENT OF
INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC AFFAIRS IN THE MFA (HASCHKE)
AND DISCUSSED FORTHCOMING IMCO PLENIPOTENTIARY
CONFERENCE IN LONDON.

2. HASCHKE SAID THAT GDR WOULD PARTICIPATE IN
THE CONFERENCE ALTHOUGH AT A TECHNICAL LEVEL. HE
GAVE THE IMPRESSION THAT THERE WOULD BE NO POLICY-
LEVEL MEMBER ON THE DELEGATION. HASCHKE APPEARED
FAMILIAR WITH THE US INITIATIVES - AT LEAST IN
GENERAL TERMS - BUT COULD NOT - OR WOULD NOT - INDICATE
WHETHER THE GDR WOULD SUPPORT THEM OR WHAT THE GDR'S
POSITION WOULD BE ON THE OTHER PROPOSALS ON THE TABLE,
SAYING THESE WERE TECHNICAL MATTERS WITHIN WHICH
HE DID NOT HAVE DETAILED KNOWLEDGE.

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3. HASCHKE DID STRESS THAT THE GDR TREATED THE
QUESTION OF MARINE POLLUTION VERY SERIOUSLY ALTHOUGH
IT WAS NOT AS IMMEDIATELY AFFECTED BY THE PROBLEM
AS COUNTRIES WITH LONG COAST LINES SUCH AS THE US.
HE SAID THAT THE GDR WOULD COOPERATE IN EFFORTS TO
SOLVE THIS PROBLEM.

4. HASCHKE ADDED SOME MILDLY CRITICAL REMARKS ABOUT IMCO'S ABILITY TO DEAL WITH MARINE POLLUTION AND SUGGESTED THE REASON WAS THAT CERTAIN COUNTRIES WHICH ARE USED AS FLAGS OF CONVENIENCE , HE MENTIONED SPECIFICALLY LIBERIA, PREVENT EFFECTIVE ACTION. EMBOFF NOTED THAT MEMBERSHIP IN IMCO HAD BEEN EXPANDED AND INCLUDED MANY NEW COUNTRIES WHICH WERE NOT TRADITIONAL FLEET OPERATORS. HASCHKE EXPRESSED THE VIEW THAT THIS DID NOT HELP BECAUSE THE ISSUES INVOLVED WERE SO TECHNICAL THAT COUNTRIES WITHOUT LARGE FLEETS COULD NOT PARTICIPATE ADEQUATELY. BOLEN

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